

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

**ABSTRACT**

Forest Department - Re-diversion of 3.678 ha. of forest land for widening of road in Kothaguda R.F, in favour of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

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**ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O Ms. No. 89**

**Dated:11-10-2013.**

**Read the following:-**

1. From PCCF, A.P, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.16602/2008-F3, dated.31-3-2009.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.6604 /For.I (1)/2007, dated.23-4-2009.
3. From GoI, MoEF, Lr.No. 8-132/2003-FC, dated.12-01-2010
4. State Govt. letter No.6604/FOR.I (1)/2007, dated.16-6-2012.
5. From GOI, MoEF, Lr.No.8-132/2003-FcC (pt), dated. 21-8-2013.

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**ORDER:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for re-diversion of 9.09 acres or 3.678 ha. of forest land for widening of road in Kothaguda R.F, in favour of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad, and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage-I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the project, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. The State Government vide letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, while according in-principle (Stage-I) approval. State Government vide further letters dated. 13-3-2013 & 27-5-2013 have furnished certain additional information as desired by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, have accorded their approval (Stage-II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for re-diversion of 3.678 ha. of forest land for widening of road in Kothaguda R.F, in favour of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

6. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for re-diversion of 3.678 ha. of forest land for widening of road in Kothaguda R.F, in favour of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-.

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

- (ii) State Government shall raise and maintain Compensatory Afforestation from funds realized from the User agency over degraded forest land twice in extent to area of forest land diverted, from the forest land diverted.
- (iii) State Government shall realize additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to Adhoc CAMPA under intimation to the Ministry of Environment & Forests
- (iv) State Government shall implement, funds realized from the user agency, the comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan for habitat management and access to water point for Wild animals prepared in consultation with Chief Wildlife Warden.
- (v) State Government shall implement, from funds realized from the user agency, the Soil Conservation Management Plan.
- (vi) Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that too under strict supervision of State Forest Department, and at the cost of the project.
- (vii) All efforts should be made for protection of flora and fauna of the adjoining forest area at the cost of the project. Steps may be taken to minimize biotic pressure over adjoining / nearby forests including encroachment of forest land with the help of the user agency.
- (viii) No labour camps shall be established on forest land.
- (ix) The User Agency shall provide fuel-wood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage / felling of trees.
- (x) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xi) All other conditions proposed by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh at the time of submission of the proposal to the Central Government.
- (xii) Since the area is in vicinity of major urban area the valuable forest land be protected by putting up boundary wall along the road and along with the boundary having 3 feet high concrete wall and 5 feet high steel mesh fencing over it. The forest area will be under the control and management of the Forest Department.
- (xiii) Make one subway to connect the botanical garden and its parking area convenient for the eco-tourism activities.
- (xiv) Any other condition that the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bangalore and the State Government may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area.
- (xv) The User Agency shall submit annual report on status of compliance to conditions stipulated in this approval to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, and the State Government and.

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- (xvi) All other conditions under different rules, regulations and guidelines shall be complied with before transfer of forest land.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central )  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
Regional Office (Southern Zone) Kendriya Sadan, IV Floor E & F Wings,  
17<sup>th</sup> Main Road, II Block, Koramangala, BANGALORE -560 034.

The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad  
The Vice Chairman & Managing Director  
A.P. Forest Development Corporation, Hyderabad.  
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.